

METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR REPLACING CUTTING  
IMPLEMENTS IN SEVERING MACHINES

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

1 Apparatus for replacing spent and/or damaged knives  
2 with fresh knives in a machine wherein semifinished rod-  
3 shaped smokers' products are converted into cigarettes,  
4 filter mouthpieces or the like employs a knife holder,  
5 a locking device which can releasably clamp a knife in  
6 the holder, a preferably automated system for temporarily  
7 deactivating the locking device in order to allow for  
8 removal of a spent knife, and a conveyor system for  
9 introduction of a fresh knife into the holder subsequent  
10 to removal of the spent knife and prior to renewed activa-  
11 tion of the locking device.